

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2585

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

Mrs. LOWEY (for herself and Mr. OBERSTAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on National Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “United States Cadet
5 Nurse Corps Equity Act of 1996”.

1 **SEC. 2. SERVICE DEEMED TO BE ACTIVE MILITARY SERV-**
2 **ICE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section
4 401(a)(1)(A) of the GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977 (38
5 U.S.C. 106 note), the Secretary of Defense is deemed to
6 have determined that qualified service of a person con-
7 stituted active military service.

8 (b) DETERMINATION OF DISCHARGE STATUS.—

9 (1) The Secretary of Defense shall issue an
10 honorable discharge under section 401(a)(1)(B) of
11 the GI Bill Improvement Act of 1977 to each person
12 whose qualified service warrants an honorable dis-
13 charge.

14 (2) Such discharge shall be issued before the
15 end of the one-year period beginning on the date of
16 the enactment of this Act.

17 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION OF RETROACTIVE BENEFITS.**

18 Benefits shall not be paid to any person as a result
19 of the enactment of this Act for any period before the date
20 of the enactment of this Act.

21 **SEC. 4. DEFINITION.**

22 For purposes of this Act, the term “qualified service”
23 means service of a person as a member of the group known
24 as the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during the period
25 beginning July 1, 1943, and ending December 15, 1945.